

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tatsuya OKUI et al.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 12143-0003

For: DIE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING STEPPED METAL PIPE OR TUBE,  
AND STEPPED METAL PIPE OR TUBE (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as set forth below.

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